

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-10, 12-21 and 23-30 are pending in the application. Claims 2, 11 and 22 have been cancelled. New independent Claims 28-30 have been added.

The Office Action rejects Claims 1, 10 and 20-21. The Office Action rejects Claims 1, 10 and 21 as being unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over International Application WO 01/22526 A1 to Ritter in view of U.S. Patent (6,188,362) to Igarashi. The Office Action also rejects Claim 20 as being unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over International Application WO 01/22526 A1 to Ritter in view of U.S. Patent (6,188,362) to Igarashi and further in view of U.S. Patent 4,717,229 to Cutler. The Office Action further objects to Claims 2-9, 11-19 and 22-27 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but confirms that these dependent claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Independent Claims 1, 10 and 21 have been amended to further patentably distinguish the claimed invention from the cited references, taken individually or in combination. Additionally, new Claims 28-30 have been added to further define the unique aspects of the claimed invention. Based on the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the present application and allowance of the current set of claims are respectfully requested.

Independent Claim 1 is directed towards a handle for connection to a mobile station which includes a continuous loop of resiliently compressible material having a first length portion extending through a housing, wherein the first length portion is engaged within the housing so that a second length portion of the continuous loop extends out of the housing and is capable of supporting the housing. The handle also includes a communications element extending through the continuous loop. The handle further includes a connecting element carried by the continuous loop and in communication with the communications element. As to the other independent claims, independent Claim 10 is directed towards a mobile station capable of receiving and transmitting wireless signals that includes a handle as described above, a power

source and housing. Independent Claim 21 is directed towards a method of attaching a handle of the type described above to a housing of a mobile station.

Independent Claims 1, 10 and 21 have now been amended to include the recitations of dependent Claims 2, 11 and 22, which were previously found to be allowable. In particular, independent Claims 1, 10 and 21 have now been amended to describe the handle to further include a first length portion that "is configured to be press fit into a channel defined by said housing and includes at least one conducting contact positioned to overlie a conducting contact of the mobile station positioned within the channel defined by the housing". As indicated by the allowability of dependent Claims 2, 11 and 22, none of the cited references, taken either individually or in combination, teach or suggest a handle of the type described by the amended independent claims. As such, it is submitted that amended independent Claims 1, 10 and 21 are patentable for at least the same reasons that dependent Claims 2, 11 and 22 were previously found to be allowable.

Since each of the dependent claims includes the recitations of the respective independent claims, each of the dependent claims is also patentable distinct from the cited references, taken individually or in combination, for at least the same reasons as the respective independent claim. It is noted, however, that the dependent claims include additional recitations that may further patentably distinguish the claimed invention from the cited references.

Based on the foregoing amendments and the remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections of Claims 1, 10 and 20-21 as being rendered obvious by the Ritter, Igarashi and Cutler references, taken either individually or in combination, has been overcome.

Additionally, new independent Claims 28-30 mirror original independent claims 1, 10 and 21, respectively, albeit with the addition of a device (e.g. a camera connected to the handle) engaged by said conducting element and supported by the continuous loop so as to be coupled in communication with the conducting element. As such, new independent Claims 28-30 effectively serve to rewrite original dependent Claims 7, 16 and 25, respectively, into independent form. Since dependent Claims 7, 16 and 25 were also previously found to be

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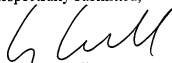
allowable, it is submitted that new independent Claims 28-30 should also be in condition for allowance for at least the same reasons.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amended claims and the remarks presented above, the Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for immediate allowance. As such, the issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If deemed necessary, in order to expedite the examination of the present application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney in order to resolve any remaining issues.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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